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Mr. Trevor Joseph Sustainable Groundwater Management Section Chief California Department of Water Resources P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento, California 94236-0001

Re:

<u>Initial Notification of Intent to Prepare a Groundwater</u> <u>Sustainability Plan for the North Fork Kings GSA Area</u>

Dear Mr. Joseph:

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10727.8 this letter serves as notice that the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("NFKGSA") intends to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") for the subject area within the Kings Subbasin. The NFKGSA is an exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") whose notification was made exclusive by California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") on May 25, 2017.

The NFKGSA has contracted with Provost & Pritchard Consultants to prepare the GSP and to engage in related planning meetings and forums with other Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") practitioners within and adjacent to the Kings Subbasin. NFKGSA has also contracted with Kings River Conservation District ("KRCD") to help with stakeholder outreach efforts and numerous large workshops and small briefings have already taken place.

The NFKGSA holds regular, quarterly public board meetings and occasional special meetings to review and take action on on-going planning activities including GSP development. These meetings welcome public input on SGMA implementation efforts the NFKGSA is engaged in. Several stakeholder workgroups and a Rural Community Advisory Committee ("RCAC") are also being formed to advise staff and the Board on development of the GSP. An application to be considered for the RCAC is available from the NFKGSA website at www.northforkkings.org. To help keep stakeholders informed on recent activities of the NFKGSA, from the front page of the NFKGSA website interested persons may add themselves to an email listsery. Draft GSP documents and other relevant materials have been, and will continue to be, posted to this website.

Working in coordination with other GSAs in the subbasin, the NFKGSA prepared and submitted a coordinated application for funding through the Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant

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Program. Once the GSP process is underway, the NFKGSA will resume its offering of educational workshops that encourage participation from interested persons, residents and landowners in the NFKGSA service area. The primary objective of these public workshops will be to receive comments and suggestions from the public that may then be used to further inform the GSP's development.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please feel free to contact me at eosterling@krcd.org or (559) 237-5567 extension 135.

Sincerely,

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